

axially fixed with respect to the housing (17), and the screw (11) is rotatably supported with respect to the housing by means of the rolling elements (13) and wherein the screw (11) engages the actuating member (10) through a bearing (12) capable of carrying at least one of an axial load and a radial load.

10. (Twice Amended) Actuator according to claim 1, wherein the piston (10) is held non-rotatably by means of a groove and pin assembly, or by means of a ball/groove assembly.

11. (Twice Amended) Actuator according to claim 1, wherein the piston (10) is rotatably held within the cylinder space (38).

15. (Twice Amended) Actuator according to claim 1, wherein at least one of a first laterally shifted motor and a second laterally shifted motor are provided.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-34 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 10, 11 and 15 are amended.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).